

MINUTES AND REPORT

4. DECISION

OF

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

OF

held at 225 Swanston Street, Melbourne on 31st March 1981 commencing 5.30 p.m.

1. PRESENT

Mr. J. N. Black
Mr. E. J. Long
Mr. B. H. Macintosh
Mr. A. Plant
Mr. M. Rundle
Mr. O. J. Slattery
Mr. W. W. Rawlinson

Chairman

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4. DECISION

- 4.i The Cooperative Federation of Victoria propose to the Cooperative Federation of Australia that the current agreement between the two Federations be re-negotiated to include a firm commitment to 30th June 1983 and increase in contribution funds for services by the Cooperative Federation of Victoria from \$12,500 to \$15,000.
- 4.ii The Cooperative Federation of Victoria is convinced that the recent developments of firm relationships with the Victorian Government adequately demonstrate the benefits of the services of a full-time Executive Officer. To capitalise on the position it is essential that the services of an Executive Officer be continued and, in the light of progress made, it is in their strongest interest that Mr. Rawlinson continue as Executive Officer.

Chairman
commencing 5.30 p.m.
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- 4.iii The Cooperative Federation of Victoria would be concerned to lose the services of the Executive Officer for any extended period to undertake prolonged services for the Cooperative Federation of Australia. However, although a commitment by the C.F.A. to providing the services of the Executive Officer to the Cooperative Federation of New South Wales projected international Cooperative Training Course will exceed desirable use of time on other than C.F.V. activities, the Council agree to this as a means of providing some extra funds for the C.F.A.

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- 4.iv The Cooperative Federation of Victoria believes that the current financial reserves of both parties to the contract should be committed to an all out effort to retain a combined active office of the two Federations in Melbourne. With such a commitment of reserves it will still be necessary to increase the annual income of both the C.F.A. and C.F.V. by \$12,000 each to enable the operations to continue beyond June 1982. Although funds from contractual services to the international Cooperative Training programmes will relieve this situation temporarily, this is a challenge which must be accepted by Councillors of both Federations and to the Executive Officer.

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- 4.v It was agreed the Chairman would discuss the above decision with the President, Cooperative Federation of Australia particularly making reference to the spirit of the existing agreement between the two Federations.

5. NEXT MEETING

Council set the date of the next meeting as Monday, 18th May 1981, unless urgent business requires an earlier meeting.

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An item set to be listed for the agenda of the next meeting was -
Development of sources of increased income
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6. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.40 p.m.

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W. Stark, 18.5.81